

## **NEW GRASS FIRE RIG AFFORDS RESIDENTS, FIREFIGHTERS AND PROPERTY GREATER PROTECTION**

### **Outline of Need:**

Creighton Rural Fire District (RFD) #6 provided emergency services in a 30 year old grass rig with excessive miles and that had proven undependable in the rugged terrain and distance covered by the district. The level of protection the district desired for the residents, firefighters and property in their area was no longer possible due to the unreliable rig.

Creighton RFD #6, located in rural northeast Nebraska, provides fire protection for approximately six townships in Knox County and half of three townships in Antelope County totaling approximately 240 square miles. Their service area also encompasses the communities of Creighton, Center, Bazile Mills, and Winnetoon; part of the Santee Sioux Nation Indian Reservation and a portion of the Grove Lake State recreation area and fish hatchery.

### **How Rural Development Helped:**

USDA Rural Development provided a community facility grant of \$6,000 to the Creighton RFD #6 to purchase a new 2005 fire truck. Creighton RFD #6 contributed the remaining \$12,664 needed.

### **The Results:**

The new truck affords greater protection and security to the lives and property served by the Creighton RFD #6. The rig is used for not only firefighting, but for storm spotting, accidents, mutual aid traffic control and floods.

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